

LIFE Senior Services
“Puttin’ on the Dog” enjoys Top Dog Success

LIFE Senior Services’ 2009 PUTTIN’ ON THE DOG took on an elegant feel with this year’s event Saturday evening, February 21, at the Downtown DoubleTree. The 13th annual event proved to be a very successful event with 300 people in attendance and \$200,000 raised to help Tulsa area seniors and their families and caregivers.

Guests were transported into the elegance of the evening with the ballroom decorations. Stark white centerpieces by Talmadge Powell Designs filled with beautiful anthuriums, green carnations, jade roses, kale, spider mums and dendrobium contrasted with the black on black tablecloths. Infinity Music provided a wonderful musical backdrop as guests pored over more than one hundred silent auction packages.

Following dinner, Jay Litchfield, celebrity auctioneer, and his spotters – with fabulous assistance by emcee Russ McCaskey – got the auction off to a rousing start. Everyone enjoyed the spirited bidding for the live auction packages which featured one-of-a-kind packages, fabulous trips, and high adventures. Chances to win a 42” Sharp LCD big screen television, sponsored by Video Revolution, were selling fast and furious and the surprise winner turned out to be: a resident at Burgundy Place – A Senior Star Living Community.

A highlight of the live auction was a show of hands for support of LIFE’s Adult Day Services. In the end, event patrons donated \$30,000 to benefit the adult day program.

Russ McCaskey of KJRH-Channel 2 introduced event chairs Carolyn and Bruce Stewart. “We want to thank everyone here for their support of seniors and their families through this event,” said Stewart. They especially thanked Norma and Steve Turnbo for serving as this year’s honorary chairs, as well as the Puttin’ on the Dog patrons for the importance their generosity played in the success of the event.

The co-chairs went on to pay special tribute to the event’s **Presenting Sponsor:** Burgundy Place and Woodland Terrace—Senior Star Living Communities.

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Carolyn Stewart, event co-chair, reminded the crowd the reason they were there – to help provide funds for the services that so many seniors and their families need.

Bill Major, Executive Director, thanked Mark Graham, President of the Tulsa Area United Way, for United Way’s ongoing support of LIFE Senior Services.

Others in attendance included: Terri and Bill Hirsch, Joan and Bob Hunt, Johnna and David Jackson, Sherry and Frank Marcum, Marian and Jim McCarthy, Carol and Joe McGraw, Ruth and Al Sowards, Laura and Scott Shepherd, Sandra and Gary Trennepohl, and special guest Tad Jones, majority leader of the House of Representatives, and his wife Sammi.

LIFE Senior Services is dedicated to promoting independence, quality of life and dignity for older adults. The organization assists seniors and their families through case management services, adult day services, caregiver support, senior centers, Vintage publications, and SeniorLine, LIFE’s information and referral center, which answers more than 20,000 calls each year.

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